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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. In most other locations, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate, at times close for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was fair to good for tight to fully adequate supplies. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4.5 cents higher for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 5 cents higher on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. Prices were unchanged in New England. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for the light to fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices were higher for all sizes in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand ranged light to good, usually moderate. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades unchanged to 1 cent higher. Offerings tight to adequate as interest becomes centered around cartoned shell eggs and producers hold with confidence. Demand was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes were unchanged. The market tone steady to instances fully steady. Retail and food service demand light to occasionally good. Supplies adequate for the larger sizes and close on the lighter weights.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was mostly moderate to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 12, 2001 was 58.71 cents, 4.36 cents more than the week before, but 15.20 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock demand was only moderate for about adequate to fully adequate supplies. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 2 cents higher on jumbo, 4 cents higher on extra large, and 5 cents higher on large and medium. The Pacific region inventory was 12% higher than last week with California up 15% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 7%. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Offerings adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for full trade needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
NORTHEAST CITIES	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	101-103	89-91	69-71
New York	67-69	64-67	50-53
Philadelphia	63-67	61-65	47-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	43-44
Jackson (1)	70-71	68-69	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	65-75	64-73	49-57
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	57-62	56-61	43-48
Detroit (2)	54-57	53-56	39-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	53-61	52-59	39-46
Major Wisconsin Cities	58-65	56-63	43-50
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-79	73-75	56-59
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	87	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, 4 cents higher on extra large, and 5 cents higher on large, medium and small. The California inventory was 15% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 53. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79-149.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE	
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	73
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-269
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	179-199
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	235-279
EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 19, 2001 will increase by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 12, 2001 were 242,119 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	208,350	33,769	242,119
% change from the prior week.....	-11	+3	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades unchanged to 1 cent higher. Offerings tight to adequate as interest becomes centered around cartoned shell eggs and producers hold with confidence. Demand was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-18

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were showing some improvement with overall movement at least moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-OCT-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-11.25	8.5-9	8.70

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-OCT-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-10.5	8-9	8.38
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT*		

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Oct 15, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.5	17.6	10.1	13.7	15.1	68.0
	Change	2.6	-2.5	0.7	0.1	-0.1	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.4	40.2	12.7	23.5	23.7	124.5
	Change	1.8	2.4	-1.1	3.6	2.1	8%
Large	Curr Wk	31.8	108.2	70.0	63.2	116.9	390.1
	Change	3.4	14.8	-1.9	-4.6	18.5	8%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.4	34.6	15.8	15.5	30.9	110.2
	Change	0.3	-2.6	0.3	1.4	4.2	3%
Small	Curr Wk	6.6	8.6	2.8	5.7	6.1	29.8
	Change	2.4	0.3	0.7	-0.3	-0.2	11%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	16.5	5.7	15.2	5.8	49.5
	Change	2.3	-2.6	-1.3	4.5	-0.8	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.2	41.1	28.8	22.5	32.9	143.5
	Change	-6.2	1.5	-1.1	-2.9	0.5	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	112.2	266.8	145.9	159.3	231.4	915.6
Percent	Change	6%	4%	-2%	1%	12%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	915.6	5%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	276.7	-4%	38

Total Shell Egg	1192.3	3%	209
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 01, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 01, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 12, 2001

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
18.00								17.50								35.50							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	40.00	45.00	—	—	37.00	40.00	11.00	GNR W 1	—	52.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	38.00	40.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	48.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	59.25	2.00	—	—				
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	—				
GNR BR 1	—	—	41.00	—	—	45.00	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.00	1.00	—	—	—				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	1.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.25	—				
GL W XL	—	—	47.50	49.00	—	—	3.00																
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	48.50	—	—	3.50																
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	33.00	—	2.75																
GL W SM	—	—	19.00	20.50	19.00	—	5.25																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	27.00	28.50	1.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/08/01-10/12/01

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
97.00								80.25								177.25							
SE				NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST						
GNR W 1	37.60	44.55	39.58	40.00	40.50	37.93	58.00		GNR W 1	45.00	49.50	—	43.00	—	—	—	8.00						
GNR W 2	—	41.63	38.00	39.25	36.55	—	10.00		GNR W 2	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00						
GNR W 3	33.00	—	—	—	31.50	34.00	4.00		GNR W 3	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	25.00	27.00	1.00		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR BR 1	—	46.00	39.50	44.00	—	45.00	5.00		GL W J	47.58	—	53.00	—	55.00	57.52	7.75							
GL W J	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	3.00		GL W XL	46.65	52.21	—	—	—	53.63	22.75							
GL W XL	—	49.85	45.50	47.73	43.35	51.00	49.75		GL W LG	50.50	54.00	—	—	—	54.38	12.50							
GL W LG	50.50	50.07	45.20	47.75	47.53	54.00	33.75		GL W MD	35.00	38.50	—	—	—	39.17	9.00							
GL W MD	—	38.00	36.50	38.00	30.67	39.63	17.25		GL W SM	—	—	—	23.00	19.00	25.50	6.25							
GL W SM	19.00	21.00	19.25	20.50	19.00	23.33	11.75																
NRBS - 50	—	32.00	28.00	—	—	33.00	4.00																
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	28.40	30.00	30.44	31.60	19.75																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	26.70	27.20	1.25																
NRBS - 42	—	—	22.00	—	27.00	27.25	2.00																
NRBS - 39	—	21.00	18.00	24.00	20.50	19.50	11.50																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/30/01 - 10/06/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Colorado	710	2,340	4,412	7,462
Iowa	5,448	4,730	27,534	37,712
Minnesota	0	840	2,370	3,210
Missouri	0	0	4,656	4,656
Nevada	0	0	216	216
New Hampshire	0	0	905	905
Ohio	0	780	828	1,608
Oregon	2,278	17	0	2,295
Texas	0	0	1,560	1,560
Utah	2,583	5,160	3,636	11,379
Wisconsin	1,026	0	2,290	3,316
TOTAL	12,045	13,867	48,407	74,319
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,045	13,867	48,407	74,319

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
125-128	82-85	70-73	50-53	19-22

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
62-65	53-59	51-56	37-42	24-28

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-37	21-25	6-9

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 09/30/01-10/06/01

30-dozen cases 5,209

Receipts from the mainland: 09/23/01-09/29/01

30-dozen cases 5,223

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
74.50	72.50	55.81	40.49

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/08/01	10/01/01	10/09/00
PACIFIC COAST	314	226	592
LOS ANGELES	0	0	540

U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2001
COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	%CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,447,350	23	- 1
FREE FLOWING	2,104,050	- 5	-28
BLEND	899,582	5	-16
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	8,636,840	5	- 1
BLEND	133,650	-26	-22
YOLK			
PLAIN	592,565	- 8	-54
BLEND	43,600	203	-24
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	1,743,812	20	-25
TOTAL	15,601,449	6	-13

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION: SEPTEMBER 2, 2001 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2001
 TOTAL 11,668,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

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